

# BLUEBONNET GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## Rules Committee Meeting

Wednesday, June 4, 2014  
6:00 PM

Bluebonnet Groundwater Conservation District  
Board Room, Suite B & C  
303 East Washington Avenue  
Navasota, Texas

### Minutes of the Meeting

In attendance: Directors Beckendorff, Hopper, Patout and Reed; General Manager Holland and Administrative Assistant Paben. District General Counsel Dugat and District Hydrogeologist Consultant Hutchison. Visitors: Michael Booth, Bob Renbarger, Mark Cody, and Ralph Owens.

1. Call to order  
The Rules Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM.
2. Briefing and discussion of timeline and process of rule making.  
GM Holland introduced the proposed timeline to get the revisions done. He noted that on April 16, 2014, the Board authorized to initiate rulemaking. On May 2, 2014, he detailed in a letter sent out to stakeholders via email and mail, highlighting eight key items that needed further clarification. He noted that the Rules Committee would meet to consider areas for rulemaking, receive comments from stakeholder, and direct staff to draft set of rules. In July 2014, a draft set of rules would be provided to Rules Committee and stakeholders. He noted that in August 2014, the Rules Committee would meet and recommend rules for September Board meeting consideration. The deadline for notice of rulemaking at September 17, 2014 called Board meeting. The proposed timeline ends with the Board to consider rules at September 17, 2014 Board meeting.
3. Public Comment  
(Public comment is limited to a maximum of 3 minutes per speaker and/or 30 minutes total time for all speakers)  
Michael Booth representing City of Simonton and City of Sealy.  
Bob Renbarger representing landowners in Austin and Waller County.
4. Discussion of specific topics and areas of interest for rule making.  
GM Holland detailed why there is a need to solidify the Rules in regards to subsidence. He explained the need for additional explanation for the purposes and process of a hearing. The GM suggested that the Phase II Hydrological Study regarding Rule 8.5F(1)(2) needs clarification. He explained the need to revise the DFC/Drawdown rule to match the changes made by the GMA. It has been suggested that the committee look to explore longer permit terms, which are currently renewed for a five-year period. Discussion took place regarding the adjustment of application fees for more complicated applications. Reviewing types of applications requiring automatic hearings was briefly discussed. The need to add more definitions was brought to the attention of the Rules Committee. The last key item that the committee discussed was the need to review permitting rules in connection with fracturing.
5. Discussion and possible action to direct staff to draft rules relating to areas and topics identified by Rules Committee.  
GM Holland discussed the need to clarify definitions within the Rules, in regards to the Phase I and Phase II studies, administratively completeness, drought vs. District declared drought.

Director Patout moved to direct the staff to draft rules relating to the areas and topics identified by this Rule Committee. Director Hopper seconded. ***Motion carried.***

6. Discussion and possible action to set next meeting date in August 2014.  
The next Rules Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 13, 2014 at 6 PM.
7. Adjourn  
The meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.

The above minutes of the regular meeting of the Rules Committee Meeting of the Bluebonnet Groundwater Conservation District held on June 4, 2014 were approved and adopted by that Board on September 17, 2014.

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J Jared Patout, President

ATTEST:

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James Morrison, Secretary